



2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ADMITTANCE

Pursuant to Regulation 61-8, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has declared the following schedule of required vaccinations, screenings, and immunizations necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), or child development program under the control of the State Department of Education for the 2006-2007 school year.

Minimum Requirements

Four (4) doses¹ of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, DTaP, or Td vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.

Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated Polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.

Two (2) doses of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least one month.

One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

One (1) dose of Varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease for all children admitted to kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

Exemptions

Students may be exempt from these immunization requirements for the following reasons:

A. Medical Contraindication

An exemption from these immunization requirements due to a medical contraindication described on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization, signed by an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, or his/her authorized representative, may be granted to a child when the physician or osteopath has determined that a particular vaccine(s) required by this schedule is not advisable for the child. If it is determined that this particular vaccine(s) is no longer contraindicated, the child will be required to have the vaccine(s). The temporary or permanent nature of this exemption shall be noted in the appropriate spaces on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148).

OR

2. Age-related exemption

This exemption exists for the child who is ineligible to receive all immunizations required for school entry because he or she is less than four years old. This exemption is time-limited by the date designated by the immunization provider for the child's next immunization and noted in the appropriate space on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization. The child can attend school for no more than one month following the date for next immunization documented by the immunization provider in the appropriate space on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148).

OR

3. Catching Up exemption

This exemption exists for the child who is four years old or older, and has not yet received all immunizations required for school entry, and is now "catching up" with the immunization schedule by receiving immunizations in accordance with SC DHEC recommendations. This exemption is time-limited by the date designated by the immunization provider for the child's next immunization and noted in the appropriate space on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148). The child can attend school for no more than one month following the date for next immunization.

For a child who has not received the required vaccines for school entry, a catching up exemption described on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization, signed by an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, or his/her authorized representative, may be granted to a child who has received at least: one (1) dose of DTP (DTaP, DT, or Td); one (1) dose of either oral or inactivated polio; one (1) dose of measles; one (1) dose of rubella vaccine, one (1) dose of mumps vaccine, and one (1) dose of hepatitis B vaccine. Additionally, the following time intervals must be adhered to for the additional required vaccines:

- (1) Not more than three (3) months between the first and second doses of DTP (DTaP, DT, or Td), polio, and hepatitis B,
- (2) Not more than six (6) months between the second and third or booster doses of DTP (DTaP, DT, or Td), polio, and hepatitis B,
- (3) At least one month between the first and second doses of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine.

OR

D. Religious Exemption

A South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption may be granted to any student whose parents, parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis signs the appropriate section of the South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption stating they are members of a recognized religious denomination in which the tenets and practices of the religious denomination conflict with immunizations.

OR

E. Special Exemptions

A South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption, signed by the school principal or his/her authorized representative, may be issued to transfer students while awaiting arrival of medical records from their former area of residence or to other students who have been unable to secure immunizations or documentation of immunizations already received. A South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption may be issued only once and shall be valid for only thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enrollment. At the expiration of this special exemption, the student must present a valid South Carolina Certificate of Immunization or a valid South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption.

The South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption may be obtained from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The Department of Health and Environmental Control also provides blank forms of the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization to immunization providers, and blank forms of the South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption to schools.

¹ This immunization requirement only applies to students entering five-year-old kindergarten and first grade in school year 2006-2007. Students previously enrolled in grades 2 through 12 met the requirement as stated for the school year in which they entered school.

If the fourth dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT is administered before the fourth birthday, a booster dose is required at 4-6 years of age. The fifth dose is not required if the fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. The minimum interval between DTaP dose #3 and #4 or #4 and #5 is six months.